(c) the number, designation and length of service of the IAF officials whose services have been terminated and the reasons therefor and the details of terminal benefits given to them;

(d) whether Government have considered the interests of the country from he security point of view before terminating the services of these officials; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. No Air Force personnel has been sacked due to paucity of funds.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

रोहतांग दर्रे पर सुरंग सम्बन्धी रिपोर्ट

1960. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश में रोहतांग दर्रे पर प्रस्तावित सुरंग के प्रथम चरण से संबंधित अध्ययन रिपोर्ट मैसर्स राइट्स से प्राप्त हो गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; सुरंग के मुख्य प्रवेश द्वार तक पहुंचने के लिए बनाई जा रही सड़कों से संबंधित अध्ययन की स्थिति क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता । प्रस्तावित सुरंग के दक्षिण और उत्तर के प्रवेश द्वारों तक पहुंचने वाली सड़कों को क्रमशः जून, 1991 और अक्तूबर, 1991 में पूरा कर लिया गया था और इसमें व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन के उद्देश्य से यातायात को प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया है।

Romanian offer on Supply of Spares for MIG-21

1961. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Romania has offered to supply spare parts of Soviet made MIG aircraft and other Defence equipments to India; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Certain offers have been received from Romania for supply of spares.

(b) These offers are being evaluated.

Revamping of offshore Patrol vessels by Indian Navy

1962. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy plans to revamp its entire fleet of smaller offshore Patrol vessels which have been extensively used on the West coast following the Bombay blasts; and

(b) if so, what are the details for the proposed revamping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the maritime interests of the country, and in consonance with the long term perspective plan as well as the annual plans, induction of smaller as well as large ships into the Navy is done depending upon the need as also the availability of budgetary resources.

Entry of HAL into civil aviation market

1963. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has an ambitious diversification plan in a bid to venture into the civil aviation market;

(b) if so, whether the HAL has a tie-up with a leading South Korean firm in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when the HAL is likely to enter the civil aviation market; and

(e) what is the extent to which the entry of HAL into civil aviation market is likely to affect the functioning of the existing airline ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (e) M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) have no intention of entering civil air transportation business. They have for years been manufacturing aircraft for civil use such as HS 748, Dornier 228, etc and have been supplying components to other aircraft manufacturers. They have recently signed a memorandum of understanding for a joint study to explore the feasibility of manufacturing 100—130 seater passenger aircraft jointly with a Korean company and also possibly other parties.

Non-utilisation of Public Sector by armed forces

1964. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the defence forces and the armed forces Organisations have not been utilising the sources of Procurement available with Public Sector in respect of the items of their use ;

(b) whether despite repeated efforts, orders are not being placed for procurement of boots from Central Government undertakings ;

(c) whether as a result the companies under Public Sector have been adversely suffering ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a), (c) and (d) Instructions prevalent in the Defence Service are in line with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Enterprises, including the one for purchase preference to Public Sector enterprises provided their quoted price is within ten percent of the lowest technically acceptable offer.

(b) As stated in answer to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 424 on 29 April 1993, order for boots, after booking the capacity of the Ordnance Factory at Kanpur, have been placed in accordance with the aforesaid instructions. In the process, the Public Sector Company TAFCO has received orders acceptable to it at the price permissible under the guidelines.

Funds for replacement of INS Vikrant

1965. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Ramdas demands funds to replace INS Vikrant" as published in the Statesman dated 2nd December, 1993 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Looking to the perception of security threats at any given time, efforts are made to ensure the availability of adequate funds in order to address our concerns in this regard. The modernisation of the Indian Navy, and her force levels are considered with reference to the Perspective Plan and the Annual Plans drawn up for the purpose.

प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा सैनिक विमानों का उपयोग

1966. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **प्रधानमंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नवम्बर, 1993 में सम्पन्न हुए चुनावों में प्रधान मंत्री पी० वी नरसिंह राव द्वारा कुल कितने घंटे हवाई यात्रा की गई;

(ख) उसका कुल किराया कितना है; और

(ग) कुल कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया गया है और बकाया राशि को वसूल करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?